## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

## **DOCKET NO. 2008-04**

Re: Application of Granite Reliable Power, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Granite Reliable Power Wind Park in Coos, County

## Report of Pre-Hearing Conference

On September 18, 2008, a pre-hearing conference in the above entitled matter was held at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at 10:00 a.m. Thomas Getz, Vice Chairman of the Site Evaluation Committee and Chairman of the Renewable Energy Subcommittee appointed in this docket, served as presiding officer. The following appearances were taken: Douglas Patch and Susan Geiger of Orr & Reno and Mark Lyons, Vice President and Senior Counsel, for the Applicant, Granite Reliable Power, LLC; Bill Gabler for Clean Power Development Corp.; David Publicover for the Appalachian Mountain Club; and K. Allen Brooks, Assistant Attorney General, Counsel for the Public.

Petitions to intervene had also been filed by Kathlyn Keene, Robert Keene, Jon Odell, Sonya Sheldon, Wayne Urso and Lisa Linowes for the Industrial Wind Action Group. These individuals, however, did not attend the pre-hearing conference. Each party appearing briefly stated its position with respect to the Application. Counsel for the Public indicated that he had no objection to any of the pending petitions to intervene. The Applicant indicated that it would file a response to the petitions to intervene within the allotted time period. Farrell Seiler filed a petition to intervene subsequent to the pre-hearing conference on behalf of the New Hampshire Wind Energy Association.

The pre-hearing conference recessed for a technical session regarding scheduling. Vice-Chairman Getz departed and Committee Counsel facilitated the technical session.

## **Report of Technical Session on Scheduling**

There was considerable discussion regarding scheduling. The Applicant had provided a proposed procedural schedule. After conversation, primarily among the Applicant, Counsel for the Public and the Appalachian Mountain Club, the following proposed schedule was agreed to by the parties who attended the technical session:

October 10, 2008	AMC and Intervenors other than Public Counsel to propound data requests to Applicant
October 24, 2008	Applicant to answer data requests propounded by AMC and all other intervenors except Public Counsel

November 3, 2008	Public Counsel to propose data requests to Applicant
November 14, 2008	State agency progress reports and draft conditions due
November 17, 2008	Applicant to respond to data requests propounded by Public Counsel
November 21, 2008	Tech session #2 10:00 a.m.
December 2, 2008	Responses to technical session data requests due
December 10, 2008	Intervenors and Public Counsel to file pre-filed testimony
December 24, 2008	Applicant to propound data requests to intervenors and Public Counsel
January 13, 2009	Intervenors and Public Counsel to answer data requests propounded by Applicant
January 15, 2009	Tech session #3 10:00 a.m.
January 29, 2009	Responses to technical session #3 data requests due
February 10, 2009	Final agency reports and conditions due
February 23, 2009	Supplemental pre-filed testimony from all parties due
March 5, 2009	Final pre-hearing conference and marking of exhibits 10:00 a.m.
March 9, 2009	Commence adjudicatory hearings
April 6, 2009	Final decision granting or denying certificate due

The following procedures were agreed to by all parties present:

- 1. All data requests propounded must be copied to all parties in order to avoid duplication of requests. One copy shall be copied to counsel to the Committee. Data requests shall not be filed with the Committee.
- 2. Responses to data requests will be copied to all parties in the proceeding with one copy to counsel for the Committee. However, answers to data requests shall not be filed with the Committee.

- 3. All pleadings, petitions, motions, exhibits, memoranda or other documents filed by any party with the Committee shall be filed with the office of Commissioner Burack. The filer shall file an original and 9 copies.
- 4. Service of all documents relating to the proceeding upon parties shall be made by electronic mail unless a party or person listed on the service list has indicated an inability to receive service by electronic mail in which case service shall be made by first class mail, postage prepaid. See, N.H. Code of Administrative Regulations, 202.07(c).
- 5. If a party serving documents does not have the ability to serve them by electronic mail, service shall be made by first class mail, postage prepaid, in the United States mail. See, N.H. Code of Administrative Regulations, 202.07(d).
- 6. All parties shall, upon receipt of this report, provide their complete service information, including regular address and electronic mail address to Jane Murray at the Department of Environmental Services (<u>Jane.Murray@des.nh.gov</u>). Any party wishing to be excused from the requirements of electronic service shall provide a statement indicating whether or not they are able to receive documents and send documents in this docket via electronic mail.
- 7. The service list in this matter will be segregated upon ruling on the petitions for intervention. The service list shall designate all parties and all other interested personnel. The service requirements in this docket and under the rules shall apply to parties only.
- 8. Data requests and responses to data requests shall not be published on the Committee's website unless they are subsequently admitted as exhibits in this proceeding.
- 9. All pleadings, motions, petitions, and other formal requests for action by the Committee in this docket, as well as all Orders in this docket, will, as time permits, be posted to the Committee's website.

The foregoing schedule and procedures are hereby approved.

Thomas B. Getz, Presiding Officer

Vice Chairman, Site Evaluation Committee

September 26, 2008